

# ORDERS DEVELOPMENT

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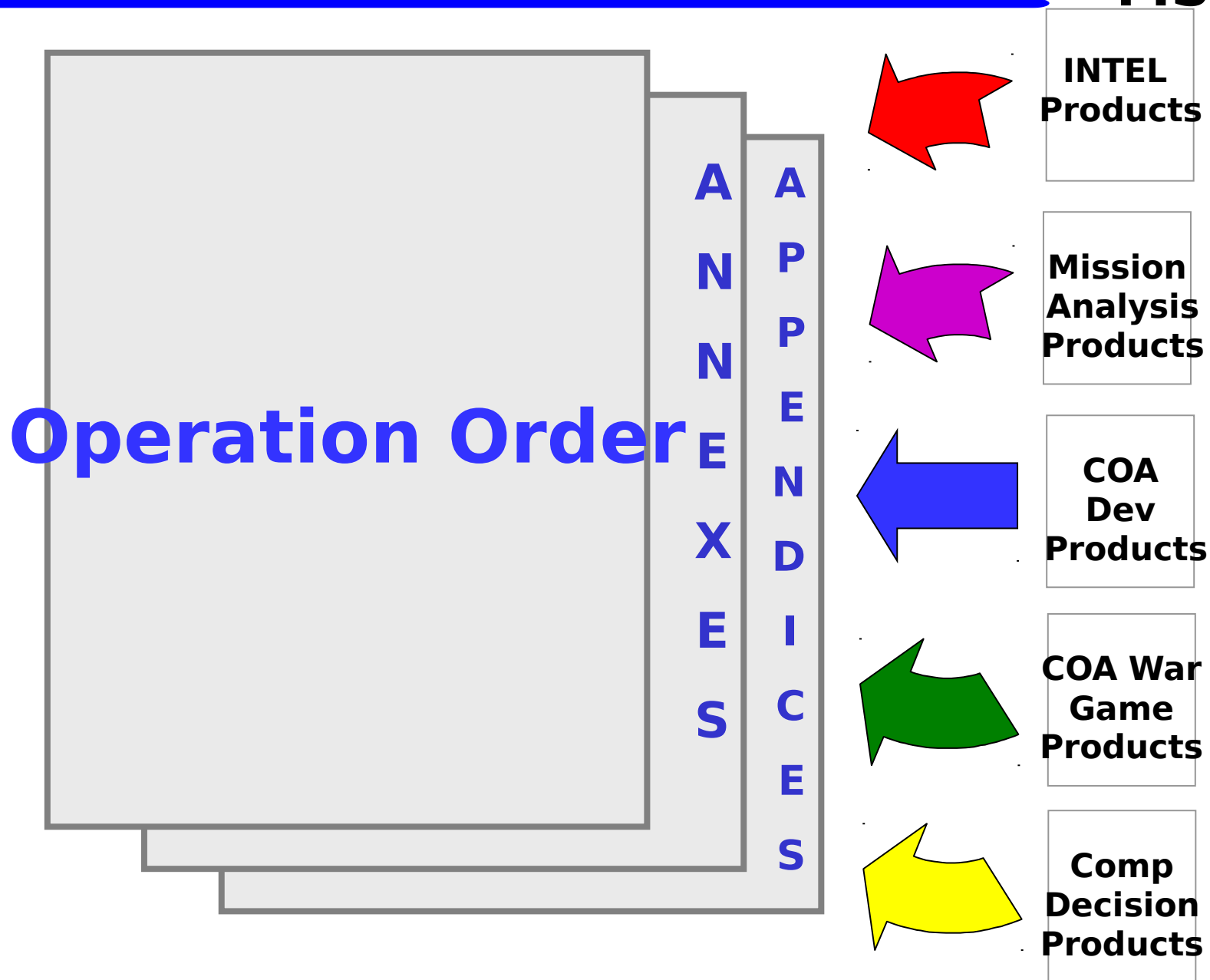


**Captain Shawn Jennings**



# WHERE DO THE PRODUCTS FIT?

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# DOCTRINAL GUIDANCE

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“...plans and orders exist for those who **receive and execute** them rather than those who write them.”

*“Directives should be as **clear, simple and concise** as each situation permits.”*

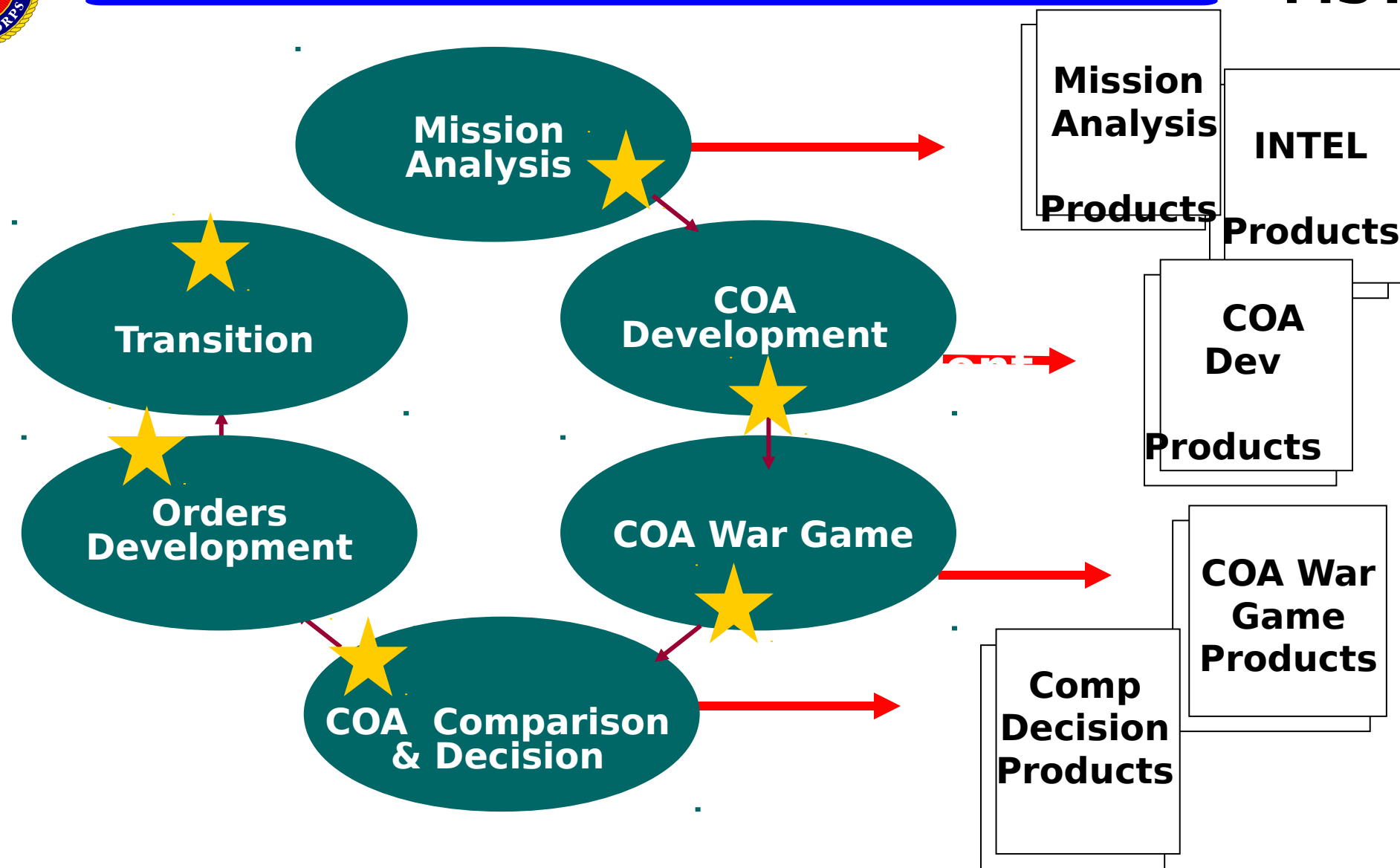


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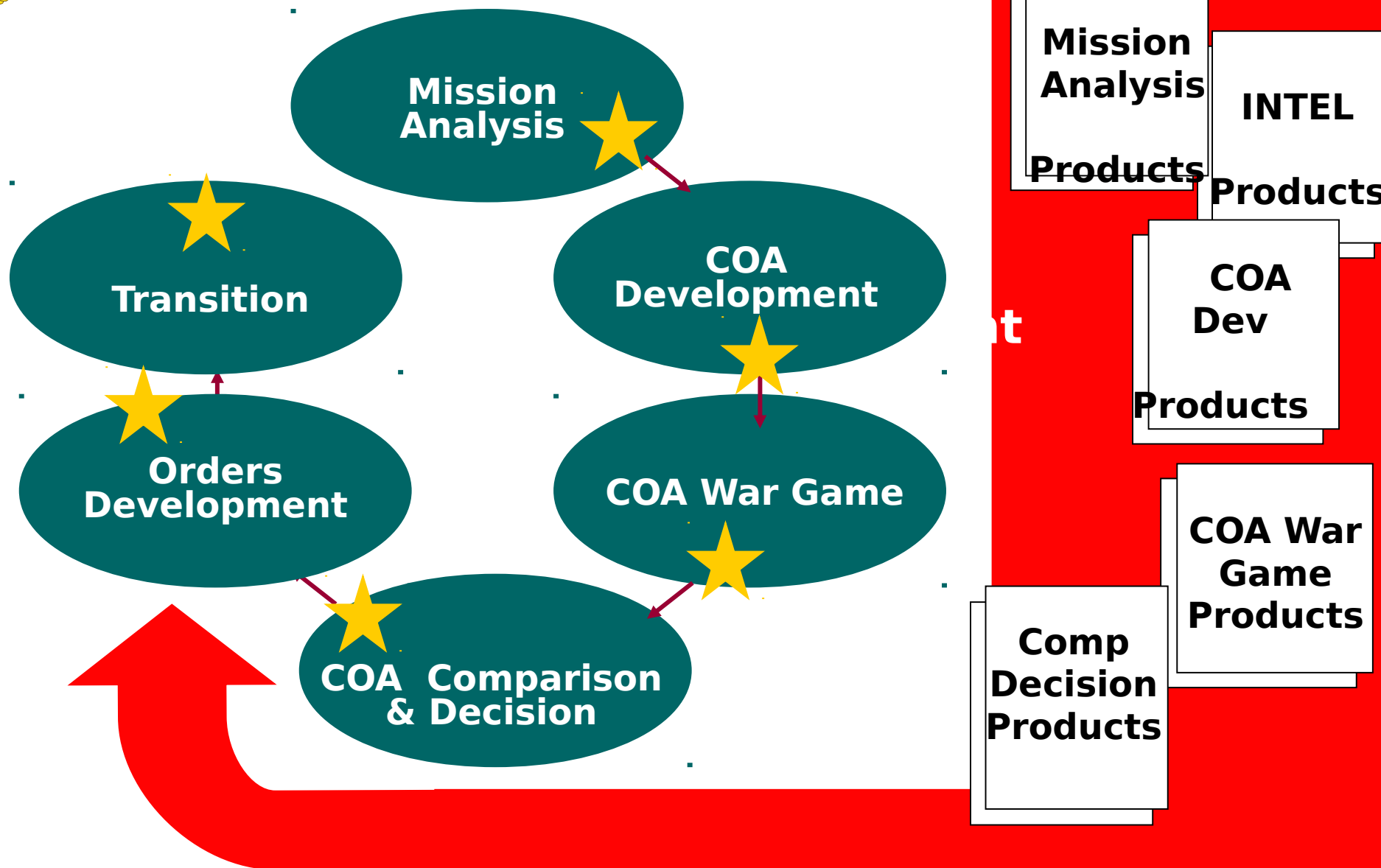
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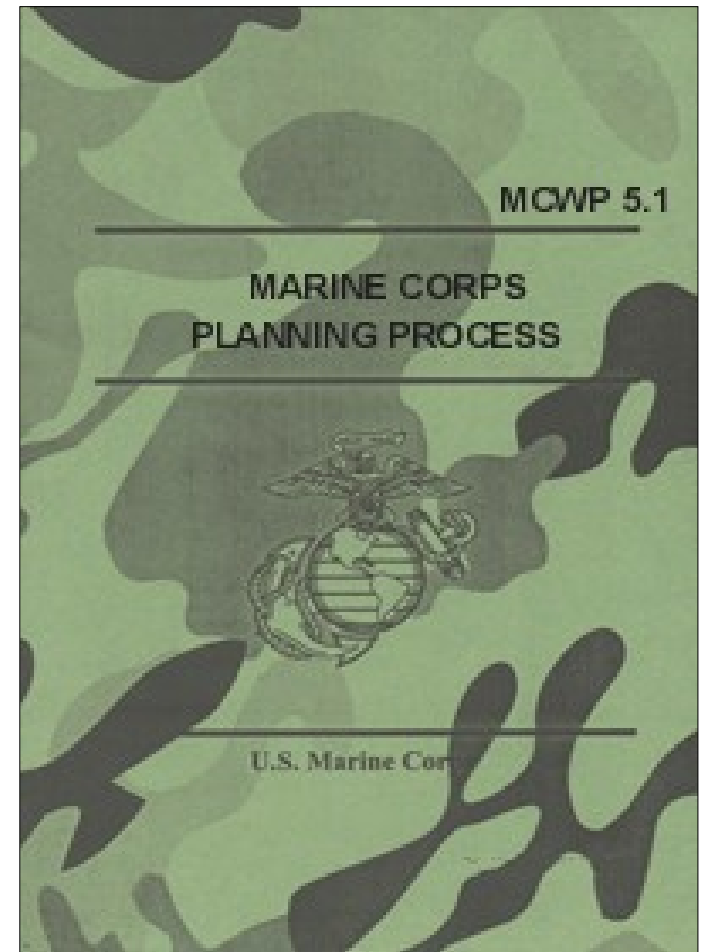
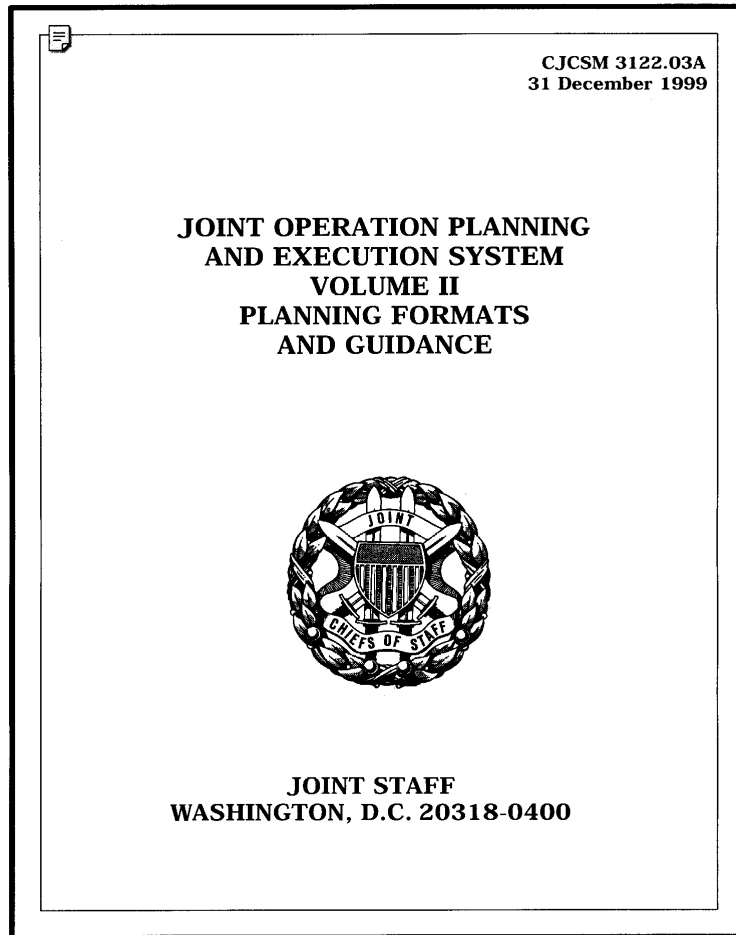
# PURPOSE

**MSTP**

- **Review doctrine/format for orders development**
- **Identify planning products incorporated into the:**
  - **Basic Order**
  - **Annexes**
  - **Appendices**
- **Discuss responsibilities for orders development**
- **Provide MSTP observations**

# REFERENCES

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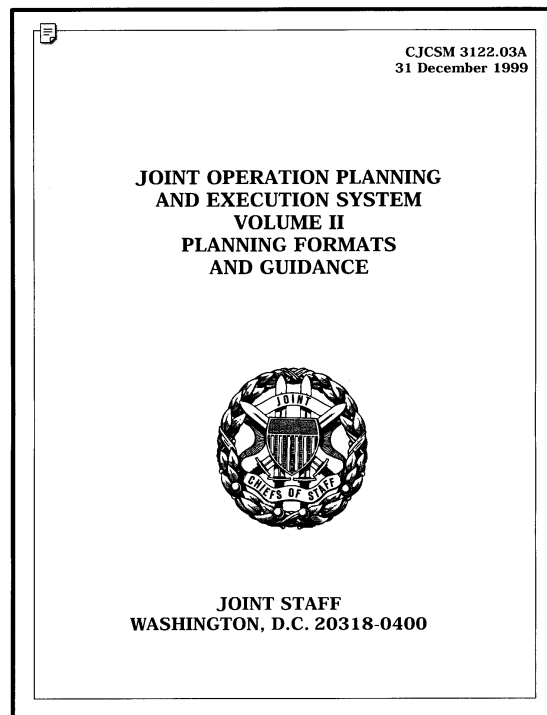




# ORDERS FORMAT

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**“Additional annexes may be added when necessary...when information must be included where no provision is made in standard annexes.”**



**CJCSM 3122.03A**



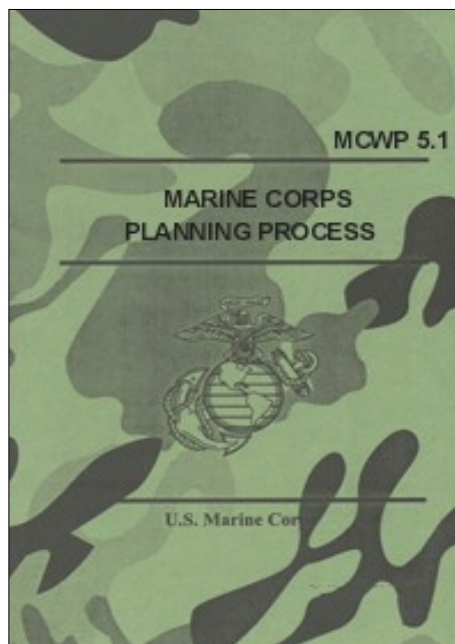


# ORDERS FORMAT

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## **MCWP 5-1, *The Marine Corps Planning Process***

**Contains an orders format close to JOPES  
Vol II but retains service unique features**





# PLANS AND ORDERS

**MSTP**

- **Implement operations derived from a higher commander's plan or order**
- **Permit subordinates to prepare supporting plans and orders**
- **Focus a subordinate's activities**
- **Provide tasks and activities, constraints and coordinating instructions**
- **DO NOT inhibit agility, speed and initiative**
- **Communicate instructions in a standard, recognizable, clear, and simple format**



# CHARACTERISTICS

**MSTP**

- **Five paragraphs**
- **Task organization and scheme of maneuver**
- **Clear, concise mission statement based on the mission assigned by the higher headquarters**
- **Execution time and date**
- **Commander's intent and concept of operations**
- **Usually includes an overlay**



# PRINCIPAL TYPES OF ORDERS

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- **Warning Order (WARNO)**--A preliminary notice of an order which is to follow. (JP 1-02)
- **Operation Order (OPORD)**--A directive issued by a commander to subordinate commanders for the purpose of effecting the coordination of an operation. (JP 1-02)
- **Fragmentary Order (FRAGO)**--An abbreviated form of an operation order, usually issued on a day-to-day basis, that eliminates the need for restating information contained in a basic operation order. (JP 1-02)



# OPLAN vs. OPORD

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**OPLAN** - An operation plan for the conduct of joint operations that can be used as a **basis for development** of an operation order (**OPORD**)

JP 1-02

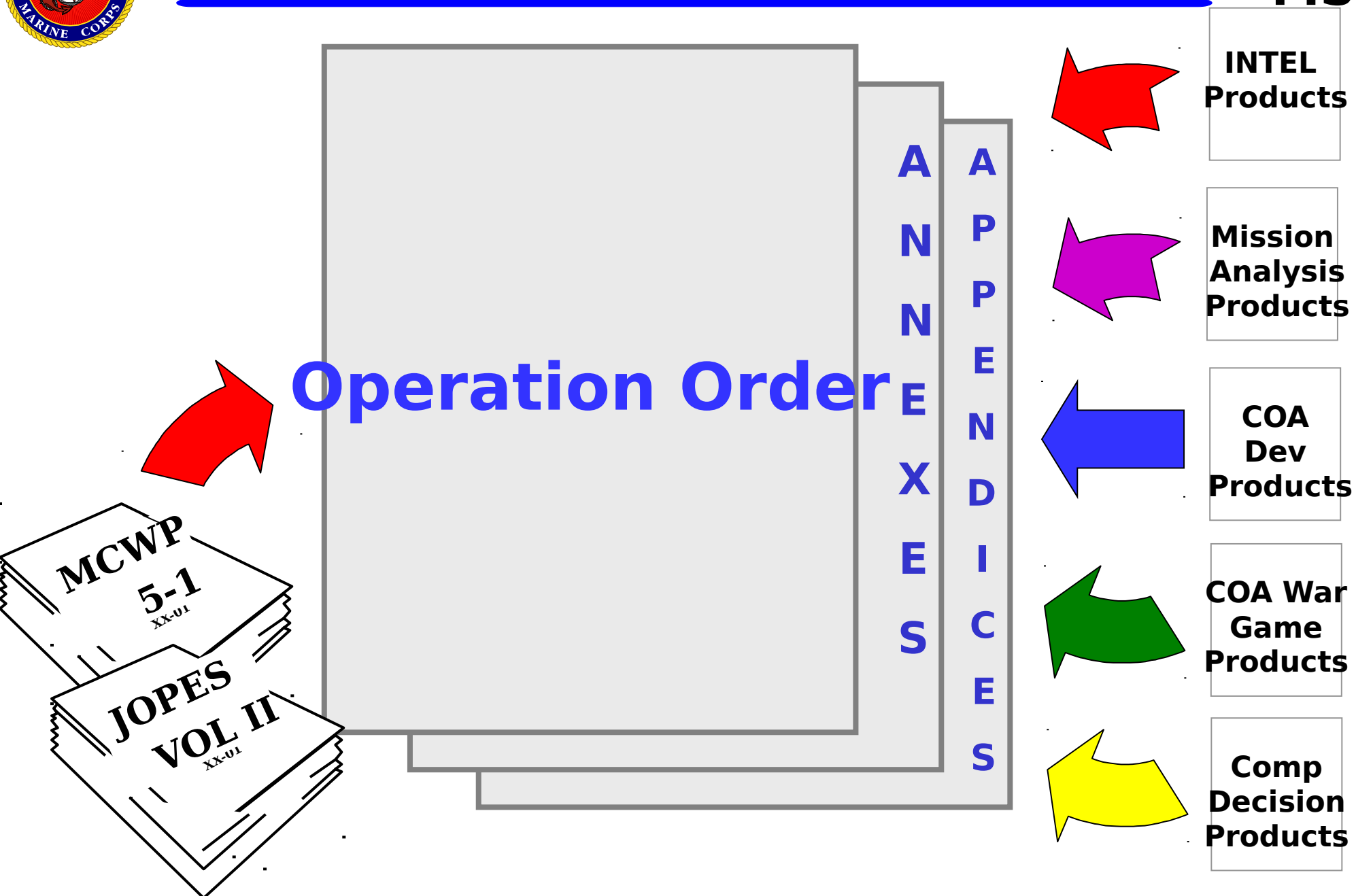
Same format as OPORD except:

- OPLAN will address politico-military environment in **General Situation** (para 1.a)
- OPLAN addresses **assumptions** (para 1.f)
- OPLAN becomes an OPORD when **conditions of execution** occur and an **execution time** is determined



# PROCESS

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# PROCESS

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## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

a. General  
(May be omitted)

Politico-  
Military  
Environment



HHQ  
Orders

INTEL  
Products

Mission  
Analysis  
Products

COA Dev&  
War Gm  
Products

Comp  
Decision  
Products



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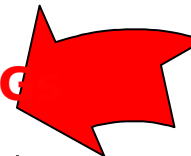
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## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

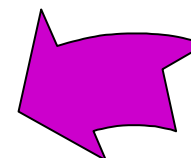
- a. General
- b. Battlespace
- c. Enemy Forces

Enemy COG  
CV



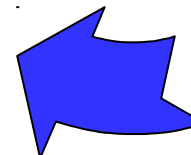
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Enemy  
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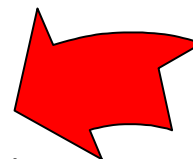
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## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

- a. General
- b. Battlespace

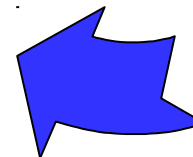
**AO**



**HHQ  
Orders**

**INTEL  
Products**

**CBAE**



**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev&  
War Gm  
Products**

**Comp  
Decision  
Products**



# PROCESS

**MSTP**

## OP ORDER

### 1. SITUATION

- a. General
- b. Battlespace
- c. Enemy Forces
- d. Friendly Forces
- e. Att/Detachments
- f. Legal Considerations

**Mission  
Commander's Intent**

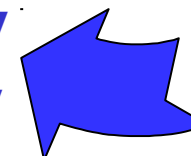


**HHQ  
Orders**

**Coordinating  
Instructions**

**INTEL  
Products**

**Friendly  
COG/CV**



**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**Constraints**

**COA Dev&  
War Gm  
Products**

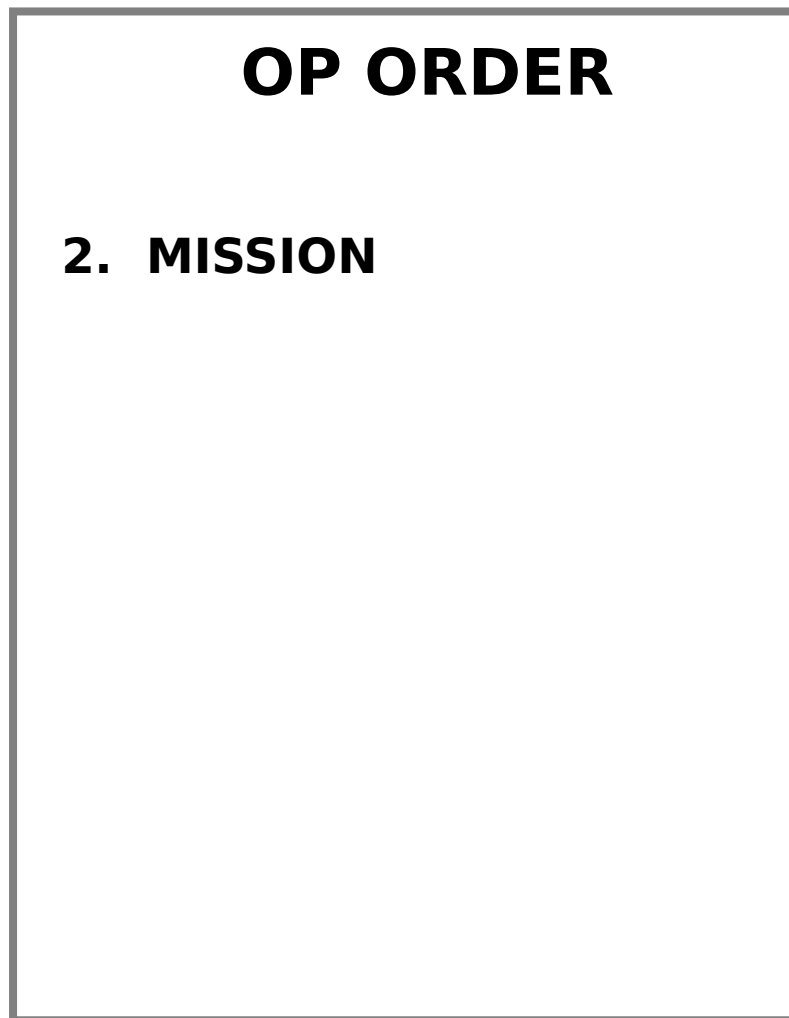
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**Comp  
Decision  
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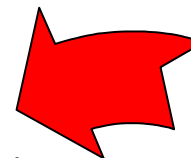


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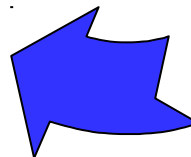
**HHQ  
Mission**



**HHQ  
Orders**

**INTEL  
Products**

**Refined  
Mission  
Statement**



**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev&  
War Gm  
Products**

**Comp  
Decision  
Products**



# PROCESS

**MSTP**

## OP ORDER

**2. MISSION**

**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's  
Intent**

**CBAE**  
**Refined**  
**Commander's**  
**Intent**

**HHQ  
Orders**

**INTEL  
Products**

**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
& War Gm  
Products**

**Comp  
Decision  
Products**



# PROCESS

**MSTP**

## OP ORDER

**2. MISSION**

**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's Intent**

**b. Concept of Ops**

**HHQ Orders**

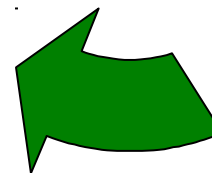
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**Mission Analysis Products**

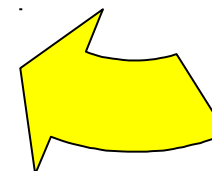
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**COA War Gm Products**

**COA Narrative & Graphic**



**Sync Matrix**





# PROCESS

**MSTP**

## OP ORDER

**2. MISSION**

**3. EXECUTION**

**a. Commander's Intent**

**b. Concept of Ops**

**c. Tasks**

**HHQ Orders**

**INTEL Products**

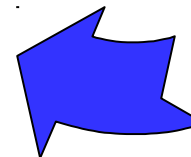
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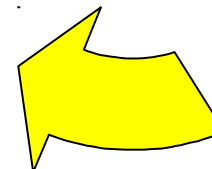
**COA War Gm Products**

**Specified Tasks**

**Implied Tasks**



**Sync Matrix  
DST/DS  
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# PROCESS

## MSTP

### OP ORDER

2. MISSION

3. EXECUTION

a. Commander's Intent

b. Concept of Ops

c. Tasks

d. Reserve

e. CCIRs

f. Coord Instructions

Coord  
Instruction  
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CBAE

Specified  
Tasks

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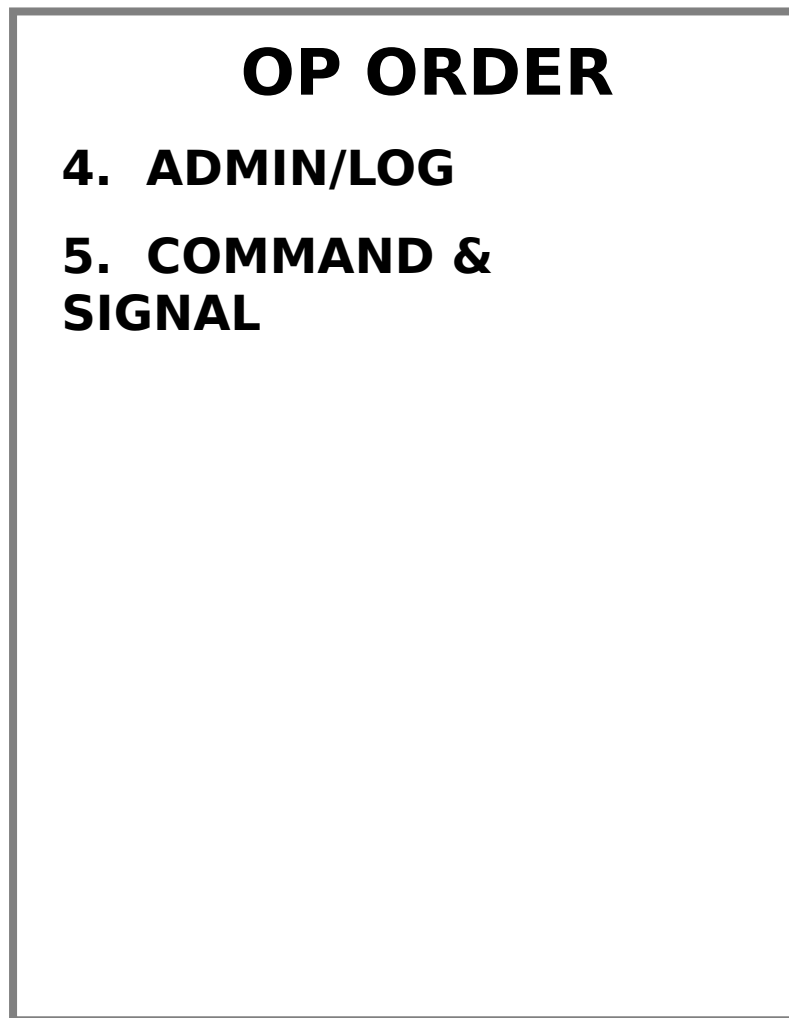
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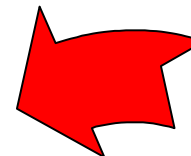


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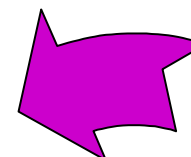


**HHQ  
Location**



**HHQ  
Orders**

**Staff  
Estimate  
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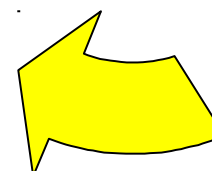


**Staff  
Est**

**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
Products**

**Sync  
Matrix**



**COA  
War Gm  
Products**





# PROCESS

**MSTP**

## OP ORDER

**4. ADMIN/LOG**

**5. COMMAND &  
SIGNAL**

**ACKNOWLEDGE  
RECEIPT**

**ANNEXES**

**APPENDICES**

**Annexes**

**Appendices**

**Staff  
Estimates**

**Sync  
Matrix**

**COA  
Sketch**

**HHQ  
Orders**

**Staff  
Est**

**Mission  
Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
Products**

**COA  
War Gm  
Products**



# PROCESS

**MSTP**

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**ACKNOWLEDGE  
RECEIPT**

*I. M. Incharge*

**LTGEN**

**ANNEXES**

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Analysis  
Products**

**COA Dev  
Products**

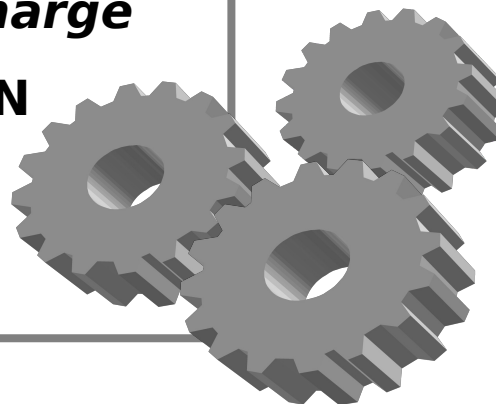
**COA  
War Gm  
Products**



**Commander's  
Approval**

**Orders Reconciliation**

**Orders Crosswalk**





# PROCESS

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## OP ORDER

1. **SITUATION**
2. **MISSION**
3. **EXECUTION**
4. **ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS**
5. **COMMAND & SIGNAL**

**I. M. INCHARGE**  
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**Commander's Approval**



# PROCESS

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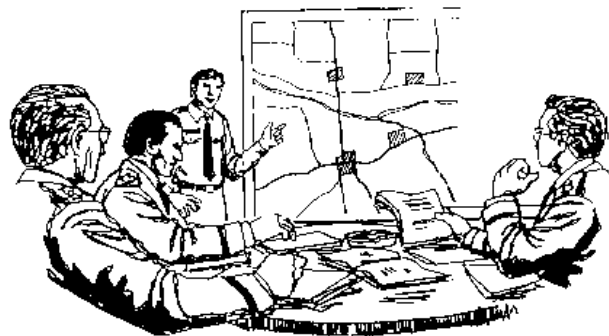
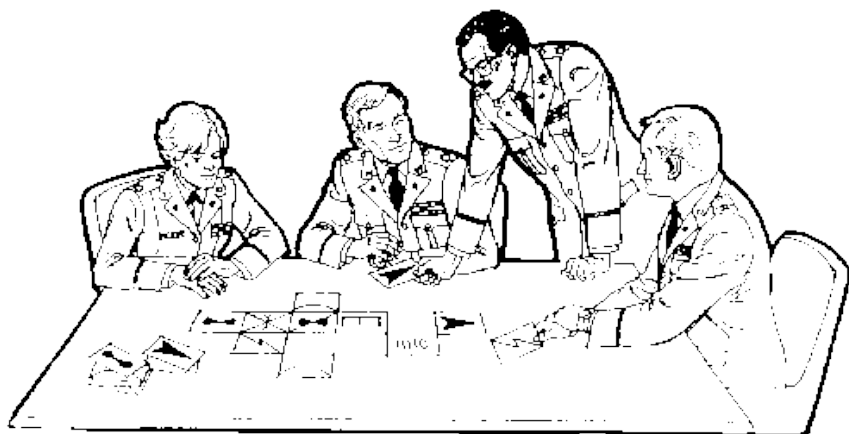
- Type of order or plan with annexes/appendices**
- Responsibilities**
- Deadlines/coordination**



# WHO DOES THE WORK?

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## The OPT?



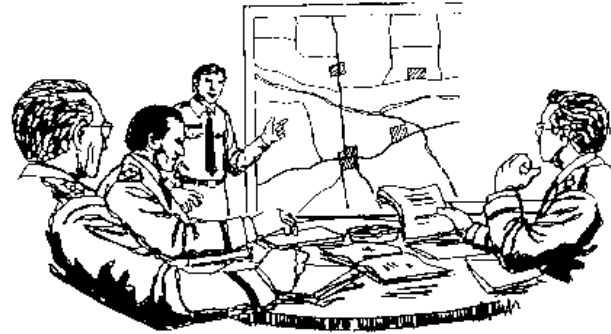
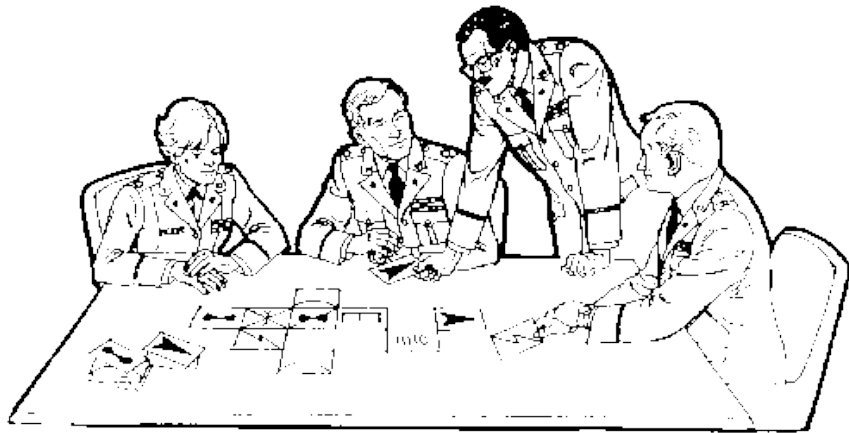
## Staff Principals?

# WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK?



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## The OPT?



## Staff Principals?

# Staff Principals!



# WHO WRITES THE OP ORDER?

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- **The Staff Principals**
  - The order benefits from Staff Principal Officer expertise
  - OPT/Staff Principals/MSC interaction
  - Draws on OPT situational awareness

**OPT members may do the work**



# TACSOP

**MSTP**

## OPORD Drafting Responsibilities

A N N	A P P	TITLE	ELEMENT
C		Operations	G-3
	2	NBC Defense Operations	G-3
	6	ROE	G-3/ SJ A
	7	Reconnaissance	G-2
D		Logistics	G-4
E		Personnel	G-1





# DOES SIZE MATTER?

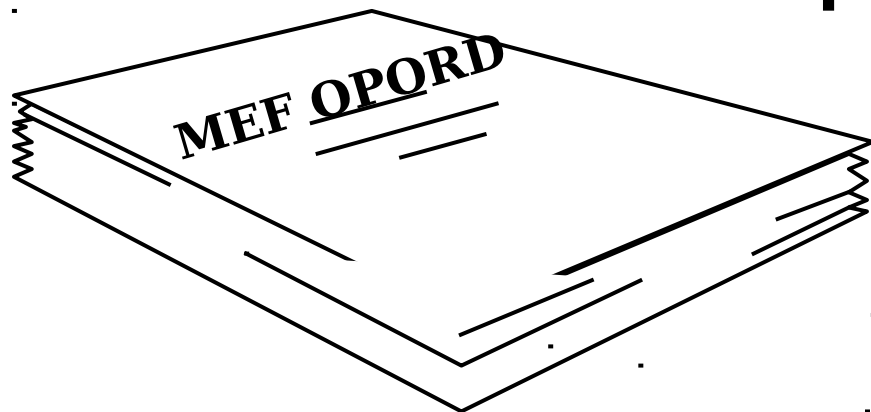
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# DOES SIZE MATTER?

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# OBSERVATIONS

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- **Orders writing: a lost art?**
- **Issuing FRAGOs without a base OPORD**
- **Too verbose**
- **Too prescriptive**
- **Improper terminology**
- **Tasks without “in order to” statements**
- **Violations of the “half rule”**
- **Briefs vice orders**
- **Numerous working copies**
- **“It’s on our homepage”**
- **Confusing the “send” button with “acknowledge receipt”**



# SUMMARY

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